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To: Pharmacists
Managed Care Plans

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<http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/pharmacy/>

Subject: Prescription Drug Program: Reimbursement for Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Administrations

Retroactive to dates of service on and after October 1, 2008, pharmacists who administer a flu or pneumonia vaccine to eligible clients may bill the Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) for an administration fee as detailed in this memo.

When Does DSHS Pay Pharmacists for Administering Immunizations?

To be paid for administering immunizations to medical assistance clients, pharmacists must have an immunization collaborative practice protocol on file with the Board of Pharmacy.

How Do I Bill DSHS for a Vaccine Administration?

When billing DSHS for the flu or pneumonia vaccine administration, use one of the following HCPCS codes:

HCPCS Code	Description
G0008	Administration of influenza virus vaccine
G0009	Administration of pneumococcal vaccine

DSHS pays for administration codes only when billed with place of service 01 (pharmacy).

Bill DSHS for the vaccine administration using an approved professional services claim form only (e.g., paper CMS-1500; electronic CMS-1500; or electronic 837-P claim form).

Continue to bill through the Point-of-Sale (POS) system using national drug codes (NDCs) for flu and pneumonia vaccines for clients 19 years of age and older.

Note: DSHS *does not* reimburse for *drugs* available at no charge from the Department of Health (DOH) through the Vaccines for Children Program. DSHS pays providers **only** for the administration *fees* when the vaccines are available at no cost from the Department of Health (DOH) through the Universal Vaccine Distribution program and the Federal Vaccines for Children program for children 18 years of age and younger.

Note: Managed care plans are responsible for immunizations for their enrollees.

How Can I Get DSHS's Provider Documents?

To obtain DSHS/HRSA provider numbered memoranda and billing instruction, go to the DSHS/HRSA website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *the Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum* link). These may be downloaded and printed.